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CONFERENCE TO VIEW PORNOGRAPHY FROM THREE PERSPECTIVES

A conference on "Liberty, Decency, Feminism: Three Perspectives on Pornography" will be in session at the University Center, University of Montana, Friday and Saturday, May 16 and 17.

Registration will be from 2 to 7:30 p.m. Friday. A \$5 fee will be charged to cover cost of materials.

The perspectives to be treated are civil libertarian, anti-censorship; anti-pornography, pro-censorship; and feminist.

These points of view will be represented at the opening session Friday at 7 p.m. by a panel made up of Diana Russell, Women Against Violence in Pornography and Media, Berkeley, Calif., feminist; Leanne Katz, National Coalition Against Censorship, New York, N.Y., civil libertarian; Raymond Gauer, Citizens for Decency through Law, Los Angeles, Calif., anti-pornographer. Steven Marcus, Columbia University, New York, N.Y., will provide an introduction on the history of censorship.

The Saturday morning session will deal with Montana activities and perspectives on pornography. Speakers are Alanna Brown, Department of English, Montana State University, Bozeman; Don Nelson, Citizens Against Pornography, Kalispell; Judy Smith, Women's Resource Center, Missoula; James Zion, American Civil Liberties Union of Montana, Helena. Howard Schwartz, a Missoula political scientist, will moderate the discussion.

The Saturday afternoon program includes workshops on "Religion and the Pornography Issue," "Planned Parenthood, Pro-Choice and Censorship," "Art and Pornography" and "Erotica and Pornography."

The conference is sponsored by the WRC, ACLU of Montana, Ark-Campus Ministries at the UM, and the UM sociology department. It is funded in part by the Montana Committee for the Humanities, an affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities.